IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI ST. JOSEPH DIVISION

MARK W GREEN,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 5:19-06006-CV-RK
)	
COMMISSIONER OF THE SOCIAL)	
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION;)	
)	
Defendant)	

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT AND FOR COSTS

Before the Court is Plaintiff's motion for attorneys' fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA") and for costs. (Doc. 18.) Defendant has no objection to Plaintiff's request for attorneys' fees and costs. (Doc. 19.)

Under the EAJA, a prevailing party in an action brought against the United States shall be awarded attorneys' fees unless the position of the United States was "substantially justified" or special circumstances make an award unjust. 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(a). A prevailing party is also entitled to recovery of costs. *Id.* § 2412(a)(1). Plaintiff was a prevailing party in this action, and an award is appropriate. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff is awarded attorneys' fees in the amount of \$2232.50, to be paid by the Social Security Administration.
- 2. The above fee award is subject to offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt Plaintiff may owe to the United States.
- 3. If the Government is satisfied there is no debt owed by Plaintiff, the fee or any remainder following offset may be made payable directly to Plaintiff's counsel, per the assignment attached to the motion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Roseann A. Ketchmark
ROSEANN A. KETCHMARK, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATED: June 29, 2020